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JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS SERIES



Welcome to the JCC's 2021-2022 Beckerman Cultural Arts Series. Last year we introduced changes to the Beckerman film series grouping films by category and a single category discussion was offered at the end of each topic. We are excited to introduce additional changes to this year's program. This year the film series and the author series will be combined under category headings. Again, there will be a single concluding discussion at the end of each category. The author programs and the films will be brought to you virtually. When you purchase your ticket(s) or Category Pass you will receive an email with link(s) to the film(s) and zoom program(s). The author programs are live and will occur as a single zoom. The film links will, once again, be active for a full, specified week.

19 films and 15 author programs will be offered and will be arranged by category, from September 2021 through May 2022. In chronological order, the following seven categories will be offered: Jewish Community Traditions, Perspective/Biography, Disabilities (for Jewish Disability month), Women Breaking Barriers, Family Secrets, Passover Hope and Cultural Conflict. On average three films and two author programs will be offered for each category.

A discussion will take place via zoom to conclude each category. The discussion will use the films and books in the category to support the discussion.

Tickets will be available for purchase per movie, author talk, category or full season.

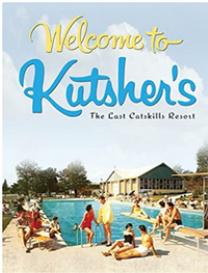
We are excited about the new format for the 2021-2022 Beckerman Cultural Arts and hope that you enjoy this step forward.

Susan Skalka

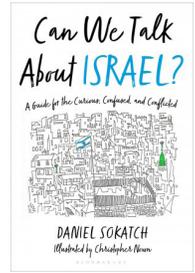
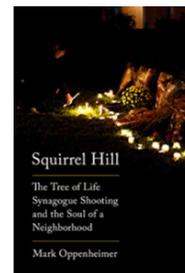
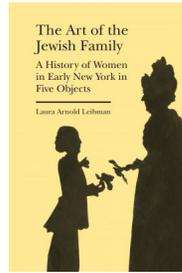
JEWISH COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

September 23 through
October 31, 2021

MOVIES



BOOKS



The Art of the Jewish Family: A History of Women in Early New York in Five Objects

Author: *Laura Arnold Leibman*

SEPTEMBER 23 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Follow the research on five objects from 1750-1850 NYC to learn about various Jewish Families of varying socio/economic standing.

Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood

Documentary | USA 2020 | 95 min | English

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5 | 7 PM HYBRID

Squirrel Hill sets the example of how communities should care for each other.

Welcome to Kutsher's

Directed by *Caroline Laskow and Ian Rosenberg*
Documentary/History | USA 2012 | 72 min | English

VIEWING DATES: OCTOBER 11-17

This film documents the rise and fall of Jewish life in the Catskills. It also provides insight to the comics and professional athletes who started in the resorts.

Nora's Will

Directed by *Mariana Chenillo*
Comedy/Drama | Mexico 2010 | 90 min | Spanish

VIEWING DATES: OCTOBER 18-24

Nora manages to direct her family even after she has died.

Can We Talk About Israel?

A Guide for the Curious, Confused and Conflicted

MONDAY OCTOBER 25 | 7PM VIA ZOOM

Daniel Sokatch is frequently asked for the abridged version of the Israel conflict. His book is an examination of the century-long struggle between two peoples that both perceive themselves as (and indeed are) victims.

The Matchmaker

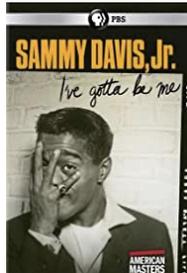
Directed by *Avi Nesher*
Drama | Israel 2012 | 112 min | Hebrew

VIEWING DATES: OCTOBER 25-31

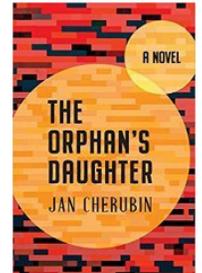
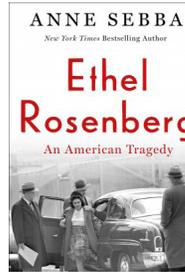
Set in 1968 a teenage boy works for an old-world matchmaker and falls for a modern woman who believes in free love. How does he reconcile these opposing influences on his life?

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MOVIES



BOOKS



Once in a Lifetime

Directed by Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar
Drama | France 2016 | 105 min | French

VIEWING DATES: NOVEMBER 8-14

This film is the fact-based story of a class of teenagers, in Paris, who's teacher enters them in a competition to examine the Holocaust from the point of view of child victims of the Holocaust. Meeting a survivor is impactful and helps clarify the students' understanding of this aspect of the Shoah.

Ethel Rosenberg An American Tragedy

Author Anne Sebba
Documentary | USA 2020 | 95 min | English

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14 | 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

The author shares her meticulous research into Ethel Rosenberg's life and concludes that Ethel Rosenberg was not guilty of espionage.

Sammy Davis Jr: I've Gotta Be Me

A Film by Sam Pollard
Documentary | USA 2018 | 100 min | English

VIEWING DATES: NOVEMBER 22-28

Sammy Davis Jr. was not part of white society and was not fully accepted by black society. This coupled with his conversion to Judaism left him open to discrimination based on a myriad of Sammy's self-defined identity.

The Best Assassination in the Nation

Author Joshua Cohen

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2 | 7 VIA ZOOM

A private investigator works a murder case that implicates his ex-in-laws while he is investigated by the FBI.

Leona *Directed by Isaac Cherm*

Drama | Mexico 2021 | 95 min | Spanish

VIEWING DATES: DECEMBER 13-19

Leona, a young Jewish woman, is torn between her family and her forbidden love.

Orphan's Daughter *Author Jan Cherubin*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

This semi-autobiographical novel provides insight into the life in a Jewish Boys Orphanage in the 1920's and the lasting effects of having lived there.

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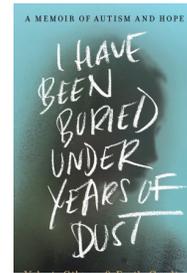
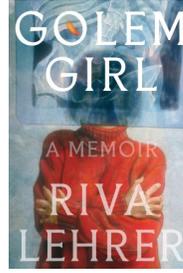
DISABILITIES

January 3 through
January 30, 2022

MOVIES



BOOKS



Here We Are

Directed by Nir Bergman

Drama | Israel 2020 | 92 min | Hebrew

Parenting and separation are always difficult. Raising an autistic child adds additional difficulties.

VIEWING DATES: JANUARY 3-9

Golem Girl

Author Riva Lehrer

After years of medical interventions to “fix” Riva, she finds acceptance and allows herself to share her artwork.

MONDAY JANUARY 10 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

Anita

Directed by Marcos Carnevale

Fiction/Drama | Argentina 2011 | 104 min | Spanish

After a bombing, Anita wanders the city alone and learns to manage an engaged life. This is especially remarkable as Anita has Downs Syndrome.

VIEWING DATES: JANUARY 10-16

Shoelaces

Directed by Jacob Goldwasser

Drama | Israel 2018 | 90 min | Hebrew

Who gets the final say when a decades absent father wants one of his special needs son's kidneys?

VIEWING DATES: JANUARY 24-30

I Have Been Buried Under Years of Dust

A Memoir of Autism and Hope

Author Valerie Gilpeur

After 25 years of being unable to communicate, Emily finds a way to share her thoughts. Finally, she can share her knowledge and her beautiful poetry emerges.

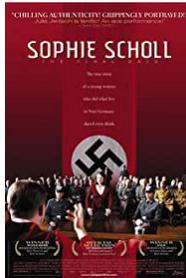
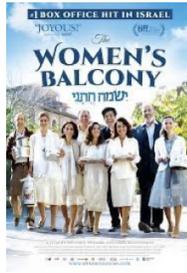
THURSDAY JANUARY 27 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

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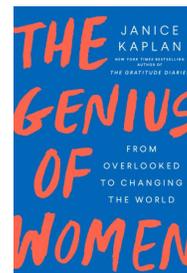
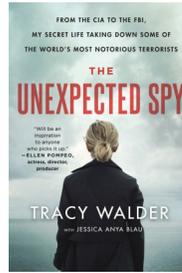
WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS

February 7 through
March 13, 2022

MOVIES



BOOKS



Bombshell

Directed by Alexandra Dean

Documentary/Biography/History/War | USA 2017 | 90 min | English

It is extremely rare (and unfair) for one woman to possess extraordinary beauty, intelligence and curiosity. Hedy Lamarr was one of those women.

VIEWING DATES: FEBRUARY 7- 13

The Unexpected Spy: From the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists

Author Tracy Walder

Imagine briefing President Bush in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, then interrogating terrorists all to keep people safe. Tracy Walder shares her amazing experiences (as much as she can) as a spy for the CIA. And the FBI.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

The Women's Balcony

A Film by Shlomit Nehama and Emil Ben-Shimon

Comedy/Drama | Israel 2016 | 96 min | Hebrew

An accident during a simcha in the Orthodox community is the catalyst for women to begin speaking truth to the patriarchal power. This tests the women's friendships and creates a rift between the community's women and men.

VIEWING DATES: FEBRUARY 21 - 27

Genius of Women: From Overlooked to Changing the World

Author Janice Kaplan

Even in this time of rethinking women's roles, genius is almost exclusively defined through male achievement. Genius isn't just about talent, it's about having that talent recognized, nurtured and celebrated. The geniuses in this book offer a clear blueprint to everyone who wants to find her own path and move forward with passion.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days

Directed by Marc Rothemund

Bio/Crime/History | Germany 2005 | 120 min | German

The true story of Germany's most famous anti-Nazi heroine. Sophie Scholl is the fearless activist of the underground student resistance group, The White Rose. The film re-creates the last six days of Sophie Scholl's life: a journey from arrest to interrogation, trial and sentence in 1943 Munich.

VIEWING DATES: MARCH 7-13

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FAMILY SECRETS

March 14 through
March 31, 2022

MOVIES



BOOKS



The Last Mentsch

VIEWING DATES: MARCH 14-20

Directed by Pierre-Henry Salfati

Drama | Germany 2014 | 93 min | German/Hungarian/Hebrew/English/Yiddish

A Holocaust survivor spent a lifetime concealing his heritage. He effectively created a new identity. However, when faced with his own mortality the rabbis refuse his appeal to be buried in a Jewish cemetery.

Evening

MONDAY MARCH 21 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

Author Nessa Rapoport

Sisters, secrets, sorrow and devotion are some of the components of the complicated love between two sisters. While sitting shiva for her sister, Eve learns secrets that will overturn her view of her family and her future.

The Art Dealer

VIEWING DATES: MARCH 21-27

Directed by Francois Margolin

Drama/History/Thriller | France 2015 | 93 min | French

When a Jewish woman embarks on a journey to recover family paintings stolen by the Nazis, she discovers that some family secrets are best kept hidden.

The Ritchie Boys

VIEWING DATES: MARCH 28-APRIL 3

Directed by Christian Bauer

Documentary | Germany, Canada 2004 | 90 min | Hebrew, English, German

The Ritchie Boys is the riveting, untold story of a group of young men who fled Nazi Germany and returned as U.S. soldiers. Using their knowledge of the Nazi's language and psychology was a huge advantage. The men were victors, not victims.

Asylum: A Memoir of Family Secrets

THURSDAY MARCH 31 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

Author Judy Bolton-Fasman

How much do we really know about the secrets lodged in our parents' past? In an effort to get answers to the haunting mysteries of her life the author conducts extensive research. She discovers that sometimes information leads to more questions.

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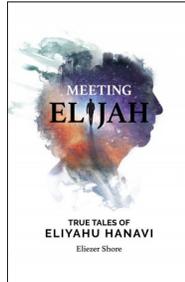
PASSOVER HOPE

April 11 through
April 17, 2022

MOVIES



BOOKS



Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream

VIEWING DATES: APRIL 11-17

Directed by Michael Levine

Documentary | USA, 2016 | 83 min | English

For close to a century Streit's was a piece of living history and produced almost half of the nation's matzo. It outlasted Jewish immigrants to the lower east side and businesses that were acquired by larger corporations and thereby Streit's maintained a good work life for its employees.

Meeting Elijah:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20 | 7 PM VIA ZOOM

True Tales of Eliyahu Hanavi

Author Eliezer Shore

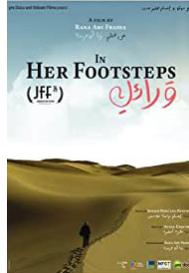
Meeting Elijah is a collection of true stories of contemporary meeting with Elijah. In a moment of need, a stranger appears, offers help, and then disappears. This is Elijah.

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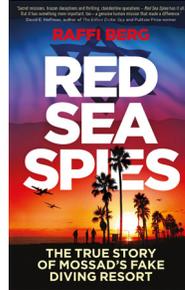
CULTURAL CONFLICT

May 1 through
May 22, 2022

MOVIES



BOOKS



Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort

Author Raffi Berg

SUNDAY MAY 1 | 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

In the early 1980s, on a remote part of the Sudanese coast, a new luxury resort opened for business. Catering to divers, it attracted guests from around the world. The guests were unaware that the staff members were undercover spies, working for the Mossad. Authors note: try to see movie before his program.

The Interpreter

A Film by Jean van de Velde

Drama / Comedy | Slovak Republic/Czech Republic/Austria, 2018 | 114 min | German/Slovakian

VIEWING DATES: MAY 2-8

An 80-year-old translator discovers a book that seemingly describes his parents' execution during the Holocaust. On a journey through Slovakia the translator and the author's son try to free themselves from the oppressive burden derived from a lifetime of unresolved conflicts.

An Act of Defiance

Directed by Francois Margolin

Drama | Netherlands, 2018 | 123 min | Language: English, Afrikaans

VIEWING DATES: MAY 9-15

10 political activists (including Nelson Mandela and his inner circle of Black and Jewish supporters) face a sentence for conspiracy to commit sabotage after they are arrested during the summer of 1963. A sympathetic lawyer, risks his career and freedom to defend these men.

In Her Footsteps

Directed by Rana Abu Fraiha

Documentary | Israel 2018 | 75 min | Hebrew, Arabic

VIEWING DATES: MAY 16-22

In the dead of night, my parents left our house in the Bedouin village and moved, perhaps 'fled' to a nearby Jewish town. My ill mother expressed an unprecedented wish, to be buried as a Muslim in the town's Jewish cemetery.

All Stirred Up:

Suffrage Cookbooks, Food and the Battle for Women's Right to Vote

Author Laura Kumin

TUESDAY MAY 17 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Ever-courageous and creative suffragists carried their radical message into America's homes in cookbooks. The cookbooks gave suffragists a chance to reach out to women in nonthreatening and accessible ways. All Stirred Up carries us back through time to when women enfranchised themselves through the subversive and savvy power of the palate.

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